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1. On the night of 15 July 1954 several large conflagrations broke out in the city of Lodz. The tannery on Zgierska Street, a factory between Targowa and Nowotki Streets, and the Poznan textile factory on the corner of Kilinski Street were hit by fires. The Poznan plant was almost completely destroyed. Five hundred workers were rendered unemployed as a result of the fires.
2. In the late evening of 15 July, leaflets were distributed, calling on the populace to sabotage the Communist effort to exploit the Polish nation. It is generally believed in Lodz, however, that both the fires and the leaflets were Communist provocations. The counsel to sit tight and do nothing has been passed by word of mouth among the citizenry.

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